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Clerk to Panel  
Legislative Council Panel on Education  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central  
Hong Kong  
(Attn: Miss Polly Yeung)

Dear Miss Yeung,

**Panel on Education**

**Arrangement of Joint University Programmes Admissions System**

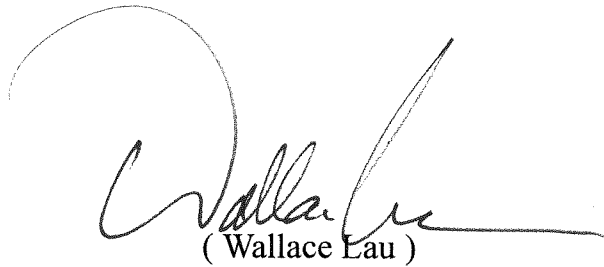
I refer to your letter of 24 January 2013 to the Secretary for Education.

The Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) is a platform administered jointly by participating institutions, for students sitting for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination to apply for admission to undergraduate and sub-degree programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC), as well as self-financing undergraduate programmes offered by the Open University of Hong Kong.

Regarding the subject matter raised in the letter dated 18 January 2013 from the Hon Claudia MO, the JUPAS Office has confirmed that the planning cycle in respect of the operation of JUPAS in 2014 has yet to commence. No decision has been made on the arrangements regarding consideration of the examination results of HKDSE Other Language Subjects (based on Advanced Subsidiary level question papers from Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)). The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) has also clarified that it is still working on the 2014 examination schedule in collaboration with CIE and the JUPAS Office, and will take candidates' interests into consideration.

We will continue to liaise with the HKEAA and JUPAS Office to ensure that they give due regard to the concerns and interests of students when planning for the future arrangements, and that such arrangements will be publicised well in advance to allow for sufficient time for preparation by schools and students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wallace Lau', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

( Wallace Lau )  
for Secretary for Education

cc Secretary-General, University Grants Committee  
(Attn: Ms Sharon Ho)